Expressions without prepositions

Some common expressions are used without prepositions.

Verbs without prepositions

Some verbs are normally followed by direct objects without prepositions. Examples are: **enter, discuss, marry, lack, resemble, approach** etc.

- We **entered the compound**. (NOT We entered into the compound.)
- Let's **discuss your plans**. (NOT Let's discuss about your plans.)
- She **lacks tact**. (NOT She lacks in tact.)
- The baby **resembles its mother.** (NOT The baby resembles to its mother.)

Expressions of time

A number of expressions of time beginning **next, last, this, that, one, every, each, some** and **any** are used without prepositions.

- See you **next Sunday**. (NOT See you on next Sunday.)
- I will never forget meeting him **that evening.** (NOT I will never forget meeting him in that evening.)
- Buses leave **every ten minutes**. (NOT Buses leave in every ten minutes.)

In an informal style, prepositions can be dropped in infinitive structures.

- I have no **money to buy food**. OR I have no **money to buy food with.**
- I have no **place to go**. OR I have no **place to go to.**
- We need a **house to live**. OR We need a **house to live in.**

Prepositions are also dropped before **what time.**

- **What time** does the train arrive? (More natural than 'At what time does the train arrive?')

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